

Information Paper

Physical Education Facilities for Primary and Secondary Schools

In reviewing a number of educational issues in Hong Kong, Education Department takes notes of the importance of promoting children's physical development in their school education.

2. Education Department, based on the "School Education in Hong Kong: A Statement of Aims" published by the Education Commission in September 1993, affirms that physical development of pupils is one of the main aims of school education. Following this aim, school buildings have been designed to provide adequate physical education facilities and activity space as far as practicable to help children build up strong physique, make good use of their leisure time and develop an interest in physical activities.

3. Government has been improving the provision of physical education facilities and activity space to schools in the past few decades. Please refer to Appendix I for details. In the latest design ('year 2000' design) for primary and secondary schools, we will provide at least two basketball courts and one multi-purpose area. For details of physical education and sports facilities in primary and secondary schools with 30 classrooms adopting the latest standard design, please see Appendix II.

4. Owing to constraints in land resources, it is difficult to identify suitable school sites in densely populated urban areas. Education Department has taken appropriate adjustments in planning new school projects to balance

the needs of various parties and to ensure that activity space for pupils will not be reduced. For example, smaller scale primary schools, with 18 or 24 classrooms, will be erected on smaller sites; sub-standard secondary school sites will be used for construction of primary schools; the height of school building is extended as far as Buildings Ordinance and Fire Services Ordinance permit to reduce site coverage of school buildings so that more open space can be spared for physical activities; and putting one more basketball court on the top of the school hall etc.

5. For the large number of old design schools not constructed to the current standard, Education Department has initiated the School Improvement Programme based on the recommendations of Education Commission Report No. 5, to provide additional facilities or redevelop the school premises where feasible so as to bring their facilities up to the latest standard including the provision of more activity space for pupils.

6. As regards further training for Physical Education teachers, Physical Education Section of the Education Department conducted a series of training courses in the 97-98 and 98-99 school years. For details, please refer to Appendix III and IV. Most of the courses took place in primary and secondary schools. Some were held in teachers' centres and other sports organisations. In the coming year, Education Department will co-operate with Hong Kong Medical Association to conduct first aid workshops in hospitals. The Advisory Inspectorate Division of Education Department will continue to carry out inspections in schools at regular intervals and in response to teachers' needs, co-operate with relevant organisations to provide appropriate in-service

training courses for Physical Education teachers to ensure that quality physical education training is offered to students in primary and secondary schools.

7. In addition to the delivery of formal Physical Education lessons, Education Department in collaboration with relevant organisations, continues to organise a number of sports training courses and competitions for pupils in order to motivate pupils' interest and participation in physical activities. Details of relevant activities in the 97-98 school year are at Appendix V.

Physical Education Facilities under Different School Designs over the Years

		60's to 70's	80's	90's	1997 Design	2000 Design
Site Area(m ²)	Sec. Sch.	less than 5000	5800	5850	6950	6950
	Pri. Sch.	2230	3900	5005	6200	6200
No. of Basketball Courts (G/F)*	Sec. Sch.	1	1	1	2	2
	Pri. Sch.	1	1	1	2	2
No. of Basketball Courts (Top of Assembly Hall)	Sec. Sch.	-	-	-	-	1
	Pri. Sch.	-	-	-	-	1
Assembly Hall (m ²)	Sec. Sch.	1 no.	368	368	368	368
	Pri. Sch.	1 no.	283	368	368	368
Student Activity Centre (m ²)	Sec. Sch.	-	-	-	176	176
	Pri. Sch.	-	-	-	176	176
Covered Playground (m ²)	Sec. Sch.	1 no.	446	766	766	766
	Pri. Sch.	1 no.	446	766	766	766
Multi-purpose Area (m ²)	Sec. Sch.	-	-	-	-	580
	Pri. Sch.	-	-	-	-	525
Open Space	Sec. Sch.	-	-	1.13m ² /pupil	2m ² /pupil	2m ² /pupil
	Pri. Sch.	-	-	1.13m ² /pupil	2m ² /pupil	2m ² /pupil

* The number of basketball courts depends on the size and shape of school sites.

Physical Education Facilities Provided by Standard Design 30-classroom Primary and Secondary Schools

	<u>Secondary School</u>		<u>Primary School</u>		Remarks
	no.	total area (m ²)	no.	total area (m ²)	
Basketball Court (G/F)	2	450	2	450	For secondary schools, where site conditions allow, a volleyball court and a handball court will be demarcated on the basketball courts using different colour line markings for flexible use.
Basketball Court (Top of Assembly Hall)	1	280	1	280	Limited by the floor area of the Assembly Hall, the basketball court on its top is smaller than area of a standard court (450m ²).
Assembly Hall	1	368	1	368	With wood flooring. Can be used for gymnastics. Marked with two badminton courts.
Student Activity Centre	1	176	1	176	With wood flooring, dancing bars and mirrors. For dancing and other group activities.
Covered Playground	1	766	1	766	For various kinds of Physical Education activities.
Multi-purpose Area	1	580	1	525	Suitable for recreational activities.
Open Space	-	2m ² /pupil	-	2m ² /pupil	With green space and other landscaping.

97-98 In-service Teacher Education Programmes organised by the PE Section

	Name of Course	Dates	Venue	No.
1	Course on the Teaching of Physical Education for Primary Schools	10/97-6/98 (8 months)	Wong Tai Sin Government Pri. Sch.	24
2	Seminars on Safety Precautions in Physical Education	1/11/97,8/11/97	Kiangsu-Chekiang College (Shatin)	400
3	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons	19/11/97	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	44
4	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Teachers	17,19/1197	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	20
5	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons	19/11/97	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	60
6	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Teachers	17,19/1197	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	20
7	First-Aid Courses for PE Teachers	22,23/12/97	Auxiliary Medical Service Headquarters	60
8	Teaching of Tennis in Secondary Schools	27,29,30,31/12/97	Wah Yan College, Kowloon	40
9	Teaching of Social Dance in Secondary Schools	27,29,30,31/12/97	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	40

10	Teaching of Fundamental Movement in Primary Schools	22,23,24,27/12/97	Wong Tai Sin Government Pri. Sch.	43
11	Teaching of Badminton in Primary Schools	27,29,30,31/12/97	Choi Hung Road Indoor Games Hall	40
12	First Aid Courses for PE Teachers	13,14,15,16,17/7/98	St. John Headquarters	26
13	Teaching of Badminton in Secondary Schools	13,14,15,16,17/7/98	Choi Hung Road Indoor Games Hall	40
14	Teaching of Athletics in Secondary Schools	13,14,15,16,17/7/98	Kiangsu-Chekiang College (Shatin)	40
15	Teaching of Basic Gymnastics in Primary Schools	13,14,15,16,17/7/98	New Method College, Man Fuk Road	38
16	Teaching of Fundamental Movements in Primary Schools	13,14,15,16,17/7/98	TWGH Lo Yu Chik Primary School	43
17	Teaching of Athletics in Primary Schools	13,14,15,16,17/7/98	Pui Ying College	40

Summary of Teaching Content

1	Teaching Qualifications	1. Course on the Teaching of Physical Education
2	Induction Course	1. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons 2. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Teachers

		3. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons 4. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Teachers
3	Introduce Medical Knowledge	1. Seminars on Safety Precautions in Physical Education
4	First-Aid Course	1. First Aid Course for PE Teachers
5	Introduce New Teaching Methodologies	1. Teaching of Fundamental Movement in Primary Schools
6	Improve Teaching Methodologies	1. Teaching of Tennis in Secondary Schools 2. Teaching of Social Dance in Secondary School 3. Teaching of Basic Gymnastics in Primary Schools 4. Teaching of Athletics in Primary Schools

98-99 In-service Teacher Education Programmes organised by the PE Section

	Name of Course	Dates	Venue	No.
1	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons	18/11/98	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	26
2	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Teachers	17,19/11/98	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	20
3	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons	19/11/98	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	73
4	Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Teachers	17,19/11/98	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	26
5	First-Aid Courses for PE Teachers	29,30/12/98	Auxiliary Medical Services Headquarters	60
6	Teaching of Rugby in Secondary Schools	28,29,30,31/12/98	GCEPSA Whampoa Primary School	43
7	Teaching of Folk Dance in Primary Schools	28,29,30,31/12/98	Alliance Primary School Whampoa	41
8	Teaching of Minor Games in Primary Schools	28,29,30,31/12/98	Alliance Primary School Whampoa	81
9	First-Aid Courses for PE Teachers	31/3/99,1/4/99	Auxiliary Medical Services Headquarters	60
10	Teaching of Minor Games in Primary Schools	31/3/99,1/4/99	SKH Ching Shan Primary School	40

11	Teaching of Football in Primary Schools	31/3/99,1/4/99	SKH Ching Shan Primary School	40
12	Teaching of Rugby in Primary Schools	7,8/4/99	SKH Ching Shan Primary School	43
13	First Aid Courses for PE Teachers	7,8/7/99	Auxiliary Medical Service Headquarters	60
14	Teaching of Ball Games in Primary Schools	Pending	Pending	40
15	Teaching of Racquet Games in Primary Schools	Pending	Pending	40
16	Teaching of Ball Games in Secondary Schools	Pending	Pending	40
17	Teaching of Racquet Games in Secondary Schools	Pending	Pending	40

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1	Induction Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Induction course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Panel Chairperson 2. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Secondary School Physical Education Teachers 3. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Panel Chairpersons 4. Induction Course for Newly-Appointed Primary School Physical Education Teachers
2	First-Aid Course	1. First Aid Course for PE Teachers
3	Introduce New Teaching Methodologies	1. Teaching of Folk Dance in Primary Schools
4	Improve Teaching Methodologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaching of Rugby in Secondary Schools 2. Teaching of Football in Primary Schools 3. Teaching of Minor Games in Primary Schools

**PE-related Training Programmes and Competitions for Students
Organised Jointly by ED and Other Organisers in the 97-98 School Year**

Event		Joint Organiser	Venue	No. of Participants
1.	Fencing Training Courses for Secondary Schools	Hong Kong Amateur Fencing Associations	Participating Schools	about 200 pupils
2.	School Physical Fitness Award Schemes	Hong Kong Childhealth Foundation	Participating Schools	41,270 pupils from 151 primary schools and 26,240 pupils from 84 secondary schools
3.	34th Schools Dance Festival	Hong Kong Schools Dance Association	Ko Shan Theatre & Tsuen Wan Town Hall (Competition Phase) Cultural Centre & Shatin Town Hall (Winners' Performance)	5,124 pupils from 270 schools
4.	Lion Dance Training Courses for Primary and Secondary Schools	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Association	Participating Schools	About 1,300 pupils from 54 schools
5.	Hong Kong Youth Athletic Training Scheme	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association,	Provisional Urban Council (PUC) and Provision Regional Council (ProRC) Sports Grounds	about 860 pupils

6.	Hong Kong Youth (Boys & Girls) Football Promotion Scheme	Hong Kong Football Association	PUC and ProRC Sports Grounds	about 30,000 pupils
7.	Hong Kong Children Badminton Promotion Scheme	Hong Kong Badminton Association,	PUC and ProRC Indoor Games Hall / Recreation Centres	about 1,200 pupils
8.	Hong Kong Youth (Boys & Girls) Basketball Development Scheme	Hong Kong Basketball Association,	PUC and ProRC Indoor Games Hall / Recreation Centres	about 600 pupils
9.	Hong Kong Youth Windsurfing Development Programme	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong (WAHK)	PUC, ProRC and WAHK water sports centres	about 1,500 pupils
10.	Inter-School Sports Competitions (in 21 sports events)	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	PUC and ProRC Sports Facilities	82,225 pupils